University of Washington Board of Regents Resolution of Appreciation to Jean-Paul Willynck

WHEREAS, in accordance with Washington state law, Governor Chris Gregoire appointed Jean-Paul Willynck, a senior Urban Studies student at the University of Washington Tacoma, to serve the prescribed one-year term, from July 8, 2008 to June 30, 2009, as the student member of the University of Washington Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, as the first student Regent appointed from the University of Washington Tacoma, he served the Board with great distinction, bringing to Board deliberations an informed and committed student perspective; and

WHEREAS, prior to his appointment as a Regent, his involvement in student life at the Tacoma campus, through ASUWT's Legislative Advocacy Committee and as a founder of the Commuters' Association, demonstrated his exceptional leadership skills and contributed significantly to the enhancement of the student experience at Tacoma; and

WHEREAS, his comprehension of and appreciation for the three-campus structure of the University, and his inclusion of and reaching out to students from all three campuses made his term on the Board especially effective in representing the views of all UW students; and

WHEREAS, his belief in the value of diversity to ensure that students from all backgrounds have the opportunity to attend the University of Washington and study in a welcoming and supportive environment have added immeasurably to the Board's commitment to student access, particularly in constrained budgetary times; and

WHEREAS, he has devoted himself to serving in an open and collaborative way, spending many hours seeking out student opinion at all three campuses and being inclusive of all on issues of importance to the Board and the University; and

WHEREAS, his intelligence, strong work ethic, superb communications skills, and warm friendliness have made him an exemplary colleague and Regent;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the members of this Board express to Jean-Paul Willynck their gratitude on behalf of the entire University community, in particular the tri-campus student body, and their own personal thanks for his outstanding service, dedication and hard work, that we wish him continued success and happiness in all his endeavors, and that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board as a permanent record of the Board's sincere appreciation.